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NOTIFICATION
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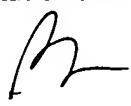
This is in response to applicant's "Response to Notice of Defective Response," filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 08 July 2002.

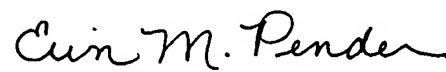
Applicants were informed in the Notification mailed on 17 May 2002 that a proper reply would include either (1) a declaration only by Ulrich Speer with an explanation by Ulrich Speer as to why the declaration filed 03 April 2002 was executed or (2) a proper request under 37 CFR 1.497(d) including (1) a statement from each person being added as an inventor and from each person being deleted as an inventor that any error in inventorship in the international application occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part; (2) the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (3) if an assignment has been executed by any of the original inventors, the written consent of the assignee (see 37 CFR 3.73(b)).

Applicants have not provided statements from each of the inventors being added as inventors that their omission from the international application occurred without deceptive intention on their parts.

The time period for furnishing the proper reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements continues to run from its mailing on 07 February 2002. **Failure to timely file the proper reply, as explained in the Notification of Defective Response mailed 17 May 2002, will result in abandonment of this application.** The time period for reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, with the contents of this letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.


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